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SUBJECT: DAILY ACTIVITY REPORT

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS FROM AMBASSADOR RYAN

1. CHILE/HUMAN RIGHTS -- PINOCHET CONFIDANT AND SECRET POLICE CHIEF, MANUEL CONTRERAS, IS IN TOWN FOR A FEW DAYS FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS IN NEW YORK ON THE CHILEAN PROSPECTS AT THE UNGA. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH CIA'S GENERAL WALTERS AND OUR COUNTRY DIRECTOR, HE HAS PROMISED PROMPT, DECISIVE MOVES ON HUMAN RIGHTS. PINOCHET APPARENTLY HOPES THESE WILL WARD OFF ANTI-CHILEAN MOVES AT THE UN AND IN THE U.S. CONGRESS. THESE INCLUDE CHANGES IN THE STATE OF SEIGE WHICH WOULD PUT THE CIVILIAN COURTS IN ULTIMATE CONTROL, THE END OF THE CURFEW, AND THE RELEASE OF SEVERAL HUNDRED PRISONERS. WE HAVE ARRANGED FOR CONTRERAS TO SEE CONGRESSMAN FRASER AND OTHERS ON THE HILL IN ORDER FOR HIM TO GET THE FULL FLAVOR OF THE ANTI-CHILEAN ATMOSPHERE HERE. HE WILL BE RETURNING TO SANTIAGO TO REPORT TO PINOCHET LATER IN THE WEEK.

2. MARCONA -- WE MET WITH GORDON FURTH AND OTHERS WHO CAME TO SOLICIT OUR VIEWS ON THE NEXT STEP. WE ENCOURAGED MARCONA TO TABLE A FORMAL PROPOSAL; THAT WOULD
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GIVE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO EMPHASIZE AGAIN TO THE PERU-

VIAN THE IMPORTANCE OF NEGOTIATING SERIOUSLY. THEY SEEM TO WANT TO ESCALATE TO A SEMI-OFFICIAL INTERMEDIARY THIS EARLY ON IN THE SITUATION. WE ARE WEIGHING THE OPTIONS AND WILL SEE THEM AGAIN WEDNESDAY, AFTER THEY HAVE COMPLETED THE REST OF THEIR WASHINGTON ROUNDS.

3. VENEZUELA -- TEXACO OFFICIALS TOLD BILL LUERS TODAY THAT THEY EXPECT THEIR NEXT MEETING WITH VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WITHIN TWO WEEKS. IT WILL BE CRITICAL SINCE PRESIDENT PEREZ WILL HAVE SIGNED THE NATIONALIZATION BILL AND THE CLOCK WILL BE TICKING. TEXACO IS WORRIED AS A SMALL FRY IN VENEZUELA. THE DEAL THEY STRIKE ON A COMPENSATION PACKAGE WILL DEPEND ON EXXON'S NEGOTIATIONS. THE TEXACO PEOPLE INDICATED THAT THERE MAY NOW BE TOO LITTLE TIME LEFT TO WORK OUT ALL THE COMPLEX ASPECTS OF NATIONALIZATION AND THAT AT THE LAST MINUTE THE VENEZUELAN WILL SEEK TEMPORARY INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS.

4. BAHAMAS/SPINY LOBSTER -- WHEN OUR NEGOTIATORS TOLD THE BAHAMANIANS THIS MORNING THAT WE WERE PLANNING TO REACT PUBLICLY TO THEIR REFUSAL TO NEGOTIATE SERIOUSLY, THE BAHAMANIANS DECIDED NOT REPEAT NOT TO BREAK OFF NEGOTIATIONS. THERE WILL BE ANOTHER MEETING ON WEDNESDAY FOLLOWING A CABINET MEETING TOMORROW. INGERSOLL

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